under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 is not applied to them;

(c) whether there is any provision for payment of Provident Fund to such employees; and

(d) what steps and by when, proper steps would be taken by the Government to do justice to the suffering employees for payment of gratuity with interest as per penalty provisions of the relevant law ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The employees of the Government funded Projects of the Family Planning Association of India are appointed by the Association and are employees of the Association.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The staff have filed a suit in the Delhi High Court for claiming gratuity and other benefits at par with the Central Government employees. The matter is, at present subjudice.

Cardiac Doctor-Patient ratio in AIIMS

3651. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) The number of registered heart-patients in the cardio-thoracic centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and what on an average, is the number of heart patients registered daily in the Institute;

(b) what is the present doctor-patient ratio to cope with the increasing number of heart patients in the Institute;

(c) whether, considering the growing number of heart patients to make it unmanageable for the existing doctors, Government have considered the desirability of starting another such centre for the quick care of the heart patients; and

(d) if so, what is the decision if any taken by the Government in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) It has been reported by AIIMS that during the year 1992, a total number of 73107 patients were registered in the Cardiothoracic Sciences Centre of the Institute and the daily average of heart patients registered at the said centre is 468.

(b) The present doctor-patient ratio of heart patients is 16 patients per doctor for CTVS and 27 patients per doctor for cardiology.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to start another such centre. However, the Cardiothoracic centre is being strengthened in a phased manner to cope with the increasing patient load.

Increase in Diseases due to Radiation in Rajasthan

3652. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an alarming rise in the incidence of cancer, various kinds of tumours and congenital deformities due to radiation in villages around the Rawatbhata Atomic Power Plant in Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No scientifically conducted study report has been received in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

सामुदायिक और प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों को प्रदत्त सहायता

3653. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सामुदायिक और प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों के कार्यकरण के सम्बन्ध में कोई सहायता प्रदान करती है;